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For: REINFORCED CEMENTITIOUS BOARDS AND METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

The following amendment and remarks are responsive to the Final Official Action dated February 25, 2003.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-9 and 36-39 are pending in the present application. Please substitute for pending claims 37 and 39, the claims having the same number set forth below. Claims 1-9, 36 and 38 remain unchanged as set forth below.

1. (Unchanged) A reinforcement for cementitious boards comprising an open mesh of high modulus of elasticity fiber strands covered by an alkali-resistant thermoplastic material, wherein prior to formation of the open mesh said alkali-resistant thermoplastic material is